

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR GEAR — STINGER HOOKS

The department would like to clarify the definition of stinger hook.

“Stinger hook” is defined in regulation and means any hook which trails another hook, either by direct physical attachment to the lead hook or by a connective device such as a swivel or chain, and is part of the same bait or lure. It has been brought to our attention that some people think that a lure with two treble hooks falls into the definition of stinger hook. That is not the intention of the definition. This can be a problem with lure enforcement so the department would like to clarify the definition by including 'hook unit' in the definition. The new definition would be “Stinger hook” means any hook which trails another hook or hook unit, either by direct physical attachment to the lead hook or by a connective device such as a swivel or chain, and is part of the same bait or lure.